

Town Meeting Agenda

March 26, 2001

Montgomery County Police Detective
J. Van Gilder, Support for new helicopter

(note: Call the Town Office if you want to make sure an agenda item you are interested in is still scheduled. We sometimes get cancellations after we have published the *Journal*.)

Remember Kensington On Your Tax Returns

Don't forget to indicate you live in the corporate limits of Town on your tax returns. We receive funding from a number of government agencies based on this information

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Upcoming Events

March 17th, 9-12 a.m.: Community Yard Sale

April 22nd: Town Earth Day Celebration, more information to follow

May 4th, 5th, 6th: Founders' Day Weekend, more information to follow

June 4th, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.: Town Elections (Two Council Positions-two year terms)

Town's Summer Meeting Schedule

May 21, 2001: 7:00 p.m. Town Meeting followed by Worksession

June 18, 2001: 7:00 p.m. Town Meeting followed by Worksession

July 2, 2001: 7:00 p.m. Organizational Meeting

July 30, 2001: 7:00 p.m. Town Meeting followed by Worksession

August 27, 2001: 7:00 p.m. Town Meeting followed by Worksession

Comcast and Montgomery County Announce New Scholarship Program

The Student Achievement Award in Montgomery County will issue \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students in each high school every year. Comcast is seeking to reward seniors who have worked hard and demonstrated strong character to overcome adversity during their high school years. The awards will be to students whose grades have improved the most over their high school careers or minorities who have achieved high academic standing. Contact Brian Edwards 301-656-7900 for further information.

Town Building Permits Required

A reminder that when you build an addition to your home or business, add a shed, install a fence, or perform any other work that requires a County Building Permit, you also need a Town permit. Questions? Call the Town Office.

Mayor's Report

Howard Avenue

As reported last month both projects are still planned to start in March weather permitting.

Meetings & Events Attended by the Mayor

The Mayor attended four MML Legislative Committee meetings in Annapolis this month. As part of the MML Legislative Committee she reviews all bills relating to municipal government. The committee then lobbies the legislators on these bills.

The Mayor and Council held the quarterly merchants meeting this month. The Mayor, Council Members Bruch and Pfautz were in attendance.

Kensington Parkwood Elementary School invited the Mayor to speak to the fourth grade students who are writing essays entitled “If I were Mayor for a Day”. This is a contest sponsored by the MML as part of the ongoing project to educate our youth about municipal government. The Mayor enjoyed the experience.

She attended a Wheaton Kensington Chamber of Commerce Board meeting this month.

The Mayor met with County Executive Douglas Duncan to discuss funding for the Community Center improvements and funding for the proposed pedestrian tunnel and other improvements around the train station.

She attended a three-day Mayors’ Conference in Annapolis. The Mayors’ Association meets quarterly representing all the Mayors in Maryland who are members of MML.

The Founders’ Day Committee has begun to meet. It is planning a weekend of events the first weekend in May. This committee is made up of merchants and citizens working together. More information will follow in subsequent *Journals*.

The Mayor met with the committee to save Kensington Cabin. This volunteer group is growing and we are excited about the interest and donations of time and materials. We will keep you posted each month of the progress.

Labor Day events will go forward as usual. Jenny Smith has agreed to be the event coordinator. We are pleased to have her. Jenny has coordinated the 8K Race for several years and done a great job. Please respond if you are contacted for help. Louise Hamilton will continue to be the staff support for this event.

Council Member Bruch’s Report

Infrastructure

The Washington Street/Connecticut Avenue pedestrian signal was malfunctioning over President’s Day weekend. He reported the problems to Montgomery County over the weekend via E-mail and the signal was repaired the next business day, Tuesday, February 20th.

He is pleased to report that the Town has adopted position descriptions for the Code Enforcement Officer and office Secretary, bringing the total to four including the Clerk Treasurer and the Director of Public Works.

He toured the Town to observe regulatory signage and reported problems to the Director of Public Works for correction.

The Montgomery County building permit authorizing construction of a funeral home on Plyers Mill Road next to St. Paul Park was successfully appealed separately by the Town and residents Cliff and Barbara Scharman. The Scharmans deserve thanks for their hard work and perseverance in opposition to the funeral home.

Worksession of Mayor & Council

February 5, 2001 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Raufaste, Council Members Bruch, O'Donnell, Pfautz, and Tucker, Clerk Treasurer McAuley, Director of Public Works Joel, and Code Enforcement Officer Hamilton were present and the following issues were addressed:

Dee Metz, Montgomery County Housing and Community Affairs, reviewed the Kensington Commercial Area Market Analysis and Revitalization Strategy that was prepared in 1997.

Marilyn Clemmens, Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission, discussed overlay zoning strategies with the Mayor & Council.

Historic Area Work Permit Applications were tabled until the Historic Preservation Commission Staff and Local Advisory Panel recommendations are received.

Representatives from the Sandy Spring Theater Group presented its space and time requirements for using the Drill Hall for productions.

The Project list was reviewed and updated.

The Minutes were reviewed for additions and corrections.

Correspondence from the previous month was reviewed.

Off-Site Meeting

February 12, 2001 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Raufaste, Council Members Bruch, O'Donnell, Pfautz, and Tucker, Clerk Treasurer McAuley.

Issues addressed:

2001/02 Budget: Council reviewed budget worksheets and went over accounts with general comments and questions.

Historic Area Work Permit applications:

3802 Washington Street (patio-retroactive)-Council Member Pfautz moved to support the Local Advisory Panel position. Seconded and passed with Council Members O'Donnell, Pfautz and Tucker in favor; Council Member Bruch abstaining.

10312 Armory Avenue (shed)-Council Member O'Donnell moved to support approval of the application. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

4011 Prospect Street (replacement windows, new porch and addition)-Council took no position.

10403 Fawcett Street (enlarge front porch)-Council Member O'Donnell moved to support the application. Seconded and passed with Council Members Bruch, O'Donnell, and Tucker in favor, Council Member Pfautz opposed.

3802 Washington Street (driveway-retroactive)-Council Member Tucker moved to support the Historic Preservation Commission staff's proposal for revision Circle 13. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

Town Attorney:

Council voted Mayor's appointment of Rachel McGuckian as the Town Attorney. Ms. McGuckian will replace Mark Donohue, also of Miles and Stockbridge, who has left the firm to work for the Federal Government.

Building Inspector:

Council will ask Mark Joel, Director of Public Works, to also act in the capacity of Building Inspector.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Town Meeting

February 26, 2001

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Raufaste, with Council Members Bruch, O'Donnell, Pfautz, and Tucker, Clerk Treasurer McAuley, and Director of Public Works Joel present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Julie O'Malley was presented with a copy of Maryland Municipal League's *Maryland's 157* in gratitude for her work developing Kensington's pages in the book.

Town Officials' reports (if applicable) will be printed in the *Journal*.

The Traffic Committee has a proposed plan for truck routes within the Town. After review by the Mayor and Council, the routes will be printed in the *Journal* and on the

Town's website. Considerable effort will be made to educate all truck drivers doing business within our limits to ensure compliance.

An Historic Area Work Permit Application for 3922 Washington Street will be discussed at the March 5, 2001 Worksession.

The Town will ensure notification to any owner whose Historic Area Work Permit Application is scheduled for discussion at a Town meeting.

The Town will request that Montgomery Municipal Cable TV tape the panel discussion "Kensington in the New Millennium: Challenges in Historic Preservation and Land Preservation in Kensington".

Council Actions

Council Member Tucker moved to approve the minutes as printed. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Council Member O'Donnell moved, as emergency legislation, to repeal Town Code Old Section 6-504 "Massage Establishments" and replace it with New Section 6-504 as introduced on January 29, 2001. Seconded and Passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring. (note: Montgomery County Police will be notified of this new law)

Council Member Tucker moved to amend, Code Article 7. "Cellular Communication Franchises and Municipal Users' Tax" as drafted. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McAuley, Clerk Treasurer